

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for recording a content on a recording medium, the apparatus comprising:

a content holding unit for storing the content;

an apparatus-side information holding unit for holding a first copyright processing information of the information processing apparatus;

a medium-side information acquiring unit for acquiring a second copyright processing information recorded on the recording medium;

a recording judgment unit for judging whether or not to record the content stored in the content holding unit based on the first copyright processing information held by the apparatus-side information holding unit and the second copyright processing information acquired by the medium-side information acquiring unit; and

a content recording unit for recording the content on the recording medium only when the recording judgment unit judges that the content is to be recorded.

3.-50. (Cancelled)

51. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus of claim 2, further comprising when the recording judgment unit judges that the content is not to be recorded:

an input information reception unit for receiving an input of input information, necessary for processing a copyright; and

an input information transmitting unit for transmitting the input information received by the input information reception unit.

52. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 2, wherein

the apparatus-side information holding unit and the recording medium include a copyright processing level information on their own copyright processing information respectively,

wherein the recording judgment unit compares the copyright processing level information recorded on the medium with the first copyright processing information held by the apparatus-side information holding unit for permitting the content to be recorded on the medium when a value of the first copyright processing information held by the apparatus-side information holding unit has a predetermined relation with a value of the copyright processing level information recorded in the recording medium.

53. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 52, wherein the recording judgment unit permits a part of the content to be recorded on the medium when the value of the first copyright processing information held by the apparatus-side information holding unit has no predetermined relation with the value of the copyright processing level recorded in the recording medium.

54. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 2, further comprising:

a copyright processing information reception unit for receiving second copyright processing information about a process of a copyright of the recording medium; and

a copyright processing information recording unit for recording the second copyright processing information onto the recording medium.

55. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 54, wherein the second copyright processing information reception unit externally receives the second copyright processing information about a process of a copyright of the recording medium.

56. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 55, wherein the copyright processing information reception unit receives the second copyright processing information via communication.

57. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 54, wherein the copyright processing information recording unit records the second copyright processing information in a predetermined region.

58. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 54, wherein the second copyright processing information is recorded in a region separated from a region where a content is stored.

59. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 54, further comprising:

a command information reception unit for receiving command information including information related to a rewriting command or a recording command of copyright processing information; and

a command information transmitting unit for transmitting the command information,

wherein the second copyright processing information received by the command information reception unit is transmitted from an outside based on the command information transmitted.

60. (Previously Presented) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 54, further comprising:

a copyright loyalty determining unit for determining a copyright loyalty based on the copyright processing information.

61. (Currently Amended) A transmission apparatus for transmitting the second copyright processing information to the information processing apparatus as defined in claim 54.

62. (Currently Amended) A transmission apparatus which transmits the second copyright processing information to the information processing apparatus as defined in claim 59, the transmission apparatus comprising:

a command information reception unit for receiving command information;

a copyright processing information generating unit for generating the second copyright processing information based on command information received by the command information reception unit; and

a copyright processing information transmitting unit for transmitting the second copyright processing information generated by the copyright processing information generating unit.

63. (Currently Amended) The transmission apparatus of claim 61, wherein the command information includes identifying information for identifying a transmitting person who has transmitted the command information, and the transmission apparatus further comprises an individual certifying unit for certifying an individual based on the identifying information, wherein the transmission apparatus transmits the second copyright processing information or keeps the second copyright processing information from transmitting depending on a certification result of the individual certifying unit.

64. (Currently Amended) The transmission apparatus of claim 63, further comprising a copyright loyalty determining unit for determining a copyright loyalty based on the second copyright processing information to be transmitted.

65. (Currently Amended) The transmission apparatus of claim 64, wherein the second copyright processing information includes copyright processing level information, and the copyright loyalty determining unit determines copyright royalties different from each other based on the copyright processing level information.

66. (Currently Amended) The transmission apparatus of claim 65, wherein the second copyright processing information includes a copyright processing society identifier, and the transmission apparatus further comprises a copyright loyalty summarizing unit for summarizing a copyright loyalty determined by the copyright loyalty determining unit independently for each one of the copyright processing society identifiers.

67. (Currently Amended) A method of determining a copyright loyalty including a step of determining a copyright loyalty based on the second copyright processing information transmitted by the transmission apparatus as defined in claim 60.

68. (Currently Amended) The method of determining a copyright loyalty of claim 67, wherein the second copyright processing information includes copyright processing level information, and the step of determining a copyright loyalty determines copyright royalties different from each other based on the copyright processing level information.

69. (Currently Amended) The method of determining a copyright loyalty of claim 67, wherein the second copyright processing information includes a copyright processing society identifier, and the method further comprises the step of summarizing a copyright loyalty, which is determined by the step of determining a copyright loyalty, independently of each one of the copyright processing society identifiers.

70. (Previously Presented) A recording medium to be used by the information processing apparatus as defined in claim 54, for recording copyright processing information.

71. (Currently Amended) A recording medium including a computer program that allows an information processing apparatus, which includes a content holding unit and comprises a computer for recording the content on a recording medium, to perform the steps of:

holding, in an apparatus-side information holding means, a first copyright processing information of the information processing apparatus;

acquiring, in a medium-side information acquiring means, a second copyright processing information recorded on the recording medium;

judging, in a recording judgment means, whether or not to record the content held by the content holding unit based on the first copyright processing information held by the apparatus-side information holding unit and the second copyright processing information acquired by the medium-side information acquiring unit; and

recording, in a content recording means, the content on the recording medium only when the recording judgment means judges that the content is to be recorded.

72. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 51, wherein the apparatus-side information holding unit and the recording medium include a copyright processing level information on their own copyright processing information respectively,

wherein the recording judgment unit compares the copyright processing level information recorded on the medium with the first copyright processing information held by the apparatus-side information holding unit for permitting the content to be recorded on the medium when a value of the first copyright processing information held by the apparatus-side information

holding unit has a predetermined relation with a value of the copyright processing level information recorded in the recording medium.

73. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 51 further comprising:

a copyright processing information reception unit for receiving the second copyright processing information about a process of a copyright of the recording medium; and

a copyright processing information recording unit for recording the second copyright processing information onto the recording medium.

74. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 52 further comprising:

a copyright processing information reception unit for receiving the second copyright processing information about a process of a copyright of the recording medium; and

a copyright processing information recording unit for recording the second copyright processing information onto the recording medium.

75. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus of claim 53 further comprising:

a copyright processing information reception unit for receiving the second copyright processing information about a process of a copyright of the recording medium; and

a copyright processing information recording unit for recording the second copyright processing information onto the recording medium.

76. (Currently Amended) A transmission apparatus for transmitting the second copyright processing information to the information processing apparatus as defined in claim 55.

77. (Currently Amended) A transmission apparatus for transmitting the second copyright processing information to the information processing apparatus as defined in claim 56.

78. (Currently Amended) A transmission apparatus for transmitting the second copyright processing information to the information processing apparatus as defined in claim 57.

79. (Currently Amended) A transmission apparatus for transmitting the second copyright processing information to the information processing apparatus as defined in claim 58.

80. (Currently Amended) A transmission apparatus for transmitting the second copyright processing information to the information processing apparatus as defined in claim 59.

81. (Currently Amended) A transmission apparatus for transmitting the second copyright processing information to the information processing apparatus as defined in claim 60.

82. (Currently Amended) The method of determining a copyright loyalty of claim 68, wherein the second copyright processing information includes a copyright processing society identifier, and the method further comprises the step of summarizing a copyright loyalty, which is determined by the step of determining a copyright loyalty, independently of each one of the copyright processing society identifiers.

83. (Previously Presented) A recording medium to be used by the information processing apparatus as defined in claim 55 for recording copyright processing information.

84. (Previously Presented) A recording medium to be used by the information processing apparatus as defined in claim 56 for recording copyright processing information.

85. (Previously Presented) A recording medium to be used by the information processing apparatus as defined in claim 57 for recording copyright processing information.

86. (Previously Presented) A recording medium to be used by the information processing apparatus as defined in claim 58 for recording copyright processing information.

87. (Previously Presented) A recording medium to be used by the information processing apparatus as defined in claim 59 for recording copyright processing information.

88. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 55, wherein the copyright processing information recording unit records the second copyright processing information in a predetermined region.

89. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 56, wherein the copyright processing information recording unit records the second copyright processing information in a predetermined region.

90. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 55, wherein the second copyright processing information is recorded in a region separated from a region where a content is stored.

91. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 56, wherein the second copyright processing information is recorded in a region separated from a region where a content is stored.

92. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 57, wherein the second copyright processing information is recorded in a region separated from a region where a content is stored.

93. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 55, further comprising:

a command information reception unit for receiving command information including information related to a rewriting command or a recording command of copyright processing information; and

a command information transmitting unit for transmitting the command information,

wherein the second copyright processing information received by the command information reception unit is transmitted from an outside based on the command information transmitted.

94. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 56, further comprising:

a command information reception unit for receiving command information including information related to a rewriting command or a recording command of copyright processing information; and

a command information transmitting unit for transmitting the command information,

wherein the second copyright processing information received by the command information reception unit is transmitted from an outside based on the command information transmitted.

95. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 57, further comprising:

a command information reception unit for receiving command information including information related to a rewriting command or a recording command of copyright processing information; and

a command information transmitting unit for transmitting the command information,

wherein the second copyright processing information received by the command information reception unit is transmitted from an outside based on the command information transmitted.

96. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 58, further comprising:

a command information reception unit for receiving command information including information related to a rewriting command or a recording command of copyright processing information; and

a command information transmitting unit for transmitting the command information,

wherein the second copyright processing information received by the command information reception unit is transmitted from an outside based on the command information transmitted.

97. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 55, further comprising:

a copyright loyalty determining unit for determining a copyright loyalty based on the second copyright processing information.

98. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 56, further comprising:

a copyright loyalty determining unit for determining a copyright loyalty based on the second copyright processing information.

99. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 57, further comprising:

a copyright loyalty determining unit for determining a copyright loyalty based on the second copyright processing information.

100. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 58, further comprising:

a copyright loyalty determining unit for determining a copyright loyalty based on the second copyright processing information.

101. (Currently Amended) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 59, further comprising:

a copyright loyalty determining unit for determining a copyright loyalty based on the second copyright processing information.

102. (New) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 52, wherein the copyright processing level information includes a plurality of types of content and the recording judgment unit permits at least one of the types of content to be recorded on the medium without permitting another type of content to be recorded on the medium based on the comparison.

103. (New) The information processing apparatus as defined in claim 102, wherein the plurality of types of content include music content and movie content.